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The Andersonville tavern teams up with Oskar Blues Brewery for a beer-and-cheese-pairing class where Hopleaf owner Michael Roper leads you through seven match-ups featuring such highlights from the Colorado-based brewery as Dale's Pale Ale and Ten Fidy Imperial Stout. 7:30 p.m. \$25. RSVP required by noon: brownpapertickets.com.

SIP HIP HOORAY
Moonshine
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Pay tribute to the end of Prohibition—December 5, 1933, to be exact—with a Repeal Day celebration featuring \$4 pints and 12-ounce bottles of the Batch 19 beer, inspired by the last batches of Coors brewed before the 1919 law went into effect. Immerse yourself in the era with 1920s-style photo sessions on period backdrops. 6-9 p.m. No cover.

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Try a burek (Balkan-style stuffed phyllo) for \$1 Thursday at City Fresh Market at 3201 W. Devon Ave. and in the Chicago French Market.

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Powerball ticket sales are a windfall for convenience store owners, but a portion of the proceeds also benefit a state education fund. GETTY IMAGES

Powerball's other jackpot

Part of the proceeds to go in school fund, but is it a boon for education?

Chicago Tribune

Between casinos, video poker machines and old-fashioned horse tracks, people in Illinois have more state-sanctioned gambling options than ever before.

Still, nothing stokes dreams of a multimillion-dollar payout quite like a nine-figure lottery jackpot.

The Illinois Lottery estimates it will sell about \$55 million worth of tickets for the multistate Powerball jackpot that hit a record \$550 million Wednesday, as both longtime lottery players and rookies shelled out \$2 per ticket for a chance to change tax brackets.

Regardless of whether an Illinois resident is a winner, the state will come out ahead, said Michael Jones, superintendent of the Illinois Lottery.

"It's huge," Jones said Wednesday. "These events are really our Super Bowl."

But determining who benefits—and by how much—from the surge in spending on Powerball tickets in Illinois is difficult to quantify.

Powerball sales for Wednesday's drawing will generate an estimated \$22 million for a state education fund, though lottery officials and people at some educational organizations

disagree about the overall effect of that money.

Stores that sell Powerball tickets definitely will make some extra money, said Victor Matheson, an economics professor at the College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts who has studied lotteries and gambling.

"This is a good day to be a 7-Eleven owner," Matheson said. "It's a little bit like an early Christmas for retailers."

The \$2 it costs to buy a Powerball ticket is split several ways, with half of that amount going to the prize fund, lottery officials said.

Five percent, or 10 cents, goes to the retailer, leaving 90 cents to be used for the lottery's operating costs, plus other expenses such as the state education fund and a state capital projects fund, officials said.

Illinois Lottery games generated nearly \$640 million for the Common School Fund in fiscal year 2012, up from nearly \$632 million in 2011 and \$625 million in 2010.

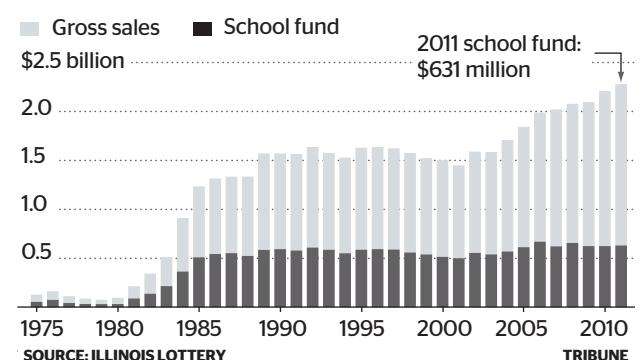
But the money generated by the Illinois Lottery makes up only a small portion of the state's Common School Fund. In fiscal year 2012, the lottery contribution accounted for about 10 percent of the fund's \$6.07 billion in total deposits, according to the state comptroller's office.

The lottery's contribution is even less significant when compared to the more than \$28 billion from all revenue sources that was spent on schools in Illinois in fiscal year 2011, said James Russell, associate executive director of the Illinois As-

WHERE LOTTERY MONEY GOES

Besides paying winners and operating costs, a sizable chunk of Illinois lottery proceeds goes to a state schools fund.

ILLINOIS LOTTERY PROCEEDS BY FISCAL YEAR



sociation of School Boards.

The lottery's contribution simply takes the place of money that would come from other state sources and does not add to overall school funding, the IASB says.

"Does it help? Sure, \$632 million does help," Russell said. "But it doesn't add to what the state is giving to schools."

Read Furby's lips: Bring back the '90s



Katie Donbavand

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Brace yourselves: Furbies are back.

Just in time for Christmas, the owl/Mogwai/demon hybrid toy sensation of the '90s has been resurrected and given a makeover. Your new Furby will have an app that translates his native Furbish language to English and LCD eyes (though looking into them is to stare

into the face of madness).

It also will cost you \$60 which, if you ask me, seems like an absurd amount to pay for a terrifying toy. I still remember the time my Furby "died" and then, years later, came back to life when I was cleaning out my closet. Why would they make a children's toy do that?

The rebirth of Furbies got me thinking about all the much, much cooler (and less traumatizing) '90s relics that deserve a comeback. Here's my list.

Ecto Cooler

I'm not sure what we were supposed to think toxic-waste green Ecto Cooler was (the preferred drink of ghosts? Juice squeezed from a fresh haul of Slimers?), but damn it was delicious! Other honorable mentions for best discontinued '90s drink include: Crystal Pepsi, Squeezits, and Orbitz (because who doesn't love gelatinous chunks in their drinks?).

Vampire movies that don't suck

The '90s were the glory days of vampire movies, with cinematic gems such as "Blade," "Bram Stoker's Dracula," and "From Dusk Till Dawn." Back then, vampires were scary instead of sparkling. Even Brad Pitt's Louis in "Interview with the Vampire," the original angsty fanger, was a terrifying monster. In the '90s, vampires ripped out throats, controlled shadows and danced in blood at super-cool warehouse raves.

TV theme songs

A great sitcom theme song is a lost art. If TV shows today even have music to accompany their title cards, it's usually an artsy musical interlude without lyrics that explain the origin

of the protagonist's current wacky situation. It's just not as fun as a catchy ditty that plays as the sitcom family waves to the cameras or dances in fountains. Don't believe me? Go ahead, try to *not* finish this lyric: "In west Philadelphia, born and raised ..."

Floam and Gak

The '90s were a simpler time. Before iPads and smartphones, kids were content to play with unexplainable, slimy goo for hours on end. It was awesome. It felt like mucus and made fart noises—what more could a kid want? The only problem was that it made your hands smell for days like shoe sweat, stale pickles and Chinatown after a garbage strike. Floam/Gak 2.0 should be available for purchase in scents like mimosa, salted caramel and the burgers from Kuma's Corner.

'Are You Afraid of the Dark?

This one must happen! I will sacrifice all my birthday wishes and Christmases for the next 30 years for just one new season of "Are You Afraid of the Dark?" I'll pledge 40 years if every episode is directed by Guillermo del Toro. The opening title sequence alone, with its flickering match and pants-wettingly terrifying disembodied children's laughter, still is scarier than 99 percent of the horror movies out there.

Bill Nye the Science Guy

No improvements needed. Just bring him back.

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TUMBLR THURSDAY

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Boys With Beards With Dogs

[boyswithbeardswithdogs.tumblr.com](#)
Is Movember over, yet? We'd like the sexy beards back, please.



Kors Metaphors

[korsmetaphors.tumblr.com](#)
This Tumblr dedicated to Michael Kors' many metaphors heard on "Project Runway" is great. It's like jumping into a pool of Coca-Cola and rolling yourself into a sticky cotton candy cocoon.



Chicago Memes

[chicagomemes.tumblr.com](#)

A lot of the posts created with quick memes—success kid, bad luck Brian, drunk baby—fall pretty flat, but every once in a while this Tumblr lands a good one.



Are You Talking to Meme?

[georgetake.tumblr.com](#)

I was so excited last week to get to share this one in Tumblr Thursday. Then I remembered: Thanksgiving (no RedEye). So one week later, here it is. The "Star Trek" alum doesn't disappoint, and it may even be, dare I say, better than his Facebook page?



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TEAM SMOKING

DESPITE PRICE, SOME CHICAGO PUFFERS ARE STAYING THE COURSE

By Mick Swasko

REDEYE

Sean Keen was spending about \$400 a month on his two-pack-a-day smoking habit, not including the gas money he spent driving from Bridgeport to Indiana for cheaper smokes.

As Cook County smokers stare down the barrel of a new \$1-per-pack cigarette tax hike next year, the 32-year-old is spending \$95 a month on patches and pills to kick his addiction.

"It had gotten to the point where my addiction was holding me prisoner, like I was a slave to the vice," he said. "It took me a second to step away from it and say, 'Holy crap, this is controlling me in ways that I really don't like.'"

But not everyone is looking to ash their last smoke as prices go up.

"I wouldn't quit, I'm not a quitter," said Ariele Duggan, 23, of Humboldt Park. Duggan, who works at a bar, frequently gets deals on packs and began rolling her own cigarettes years ago, which is cheaper.

Still, she knows plenty of people who have moved to Chicago and quit because of high prices. She doesn't think those who already are used to the prices will stop.

"People bitch for a few weeks," she said. "But then you feel like a cigarette. Smokers are smokers."

With an estimated 20 percent of Chicago adults lighting up on a regular basis, the debate about whether to continue the habit is in high gear. It really heated up following the Cook County board's decision this month to add a \$1 increase to a pack of smokes—on top of a \$1 statewide bump in June. Will smokers continue to spring for a pack once the hike—which goes into effect March 1—brings the price of 20 cigarettes from \$11 to \$12, among the most expensive nationwide? "There is that itch in my mind that says,

"I wouldn't quit, I'm not a quitter."

—Ariele Duggan, 23, of Humboldt Park

"You're going to miss it," Keen said. "You're going to miss that smoke when you're stressed out. It's going to be there for a while."

Brock Mitchell, 31, of Logan Square, said he doesn't plan to quit. It's too much of a stress reliever for him. He believes the hike is a good idea to deter younger smokers from starting, but as a smoker himself, he isn't looking forward to the higher price. He's quit a few times but always finds himself going back.

"Life is life," he said. "Stress is stress. It comes back."

It's unclear whether tax hikes actually affect the behavior of smokers. Cook County officials say they expect \$25.6 million in extra revenue next year, after accounting for those who quit or leave the county to buy cigarettes. Historically, the extra revenue from tax hikes hasn't stayed constant. When the county last raised the cigarette tax by \$1 per pack in 2006, collections initially rose by \$46.5 million, the Tribune reported. But three years later, in 2009, the county collected \$20.4 million less than it had in 2005.

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle told the Tribune editorial board in October that the intent of the hike is to deter smoking.

"Cigarettes are the principle cause of preventable disease in this country—respiratory diseases and cancer—and the higher we increase our cigarette prices, the more we discourage particularly young people from smoking and save [ourselves] the cost of treating people who are addicted to tobacco and nicotine for the rest of their lives," she said.

Quitting time is approaching for Brian Ferber, 38, of the West Loop. Ferber started smoking regularly in 1997, after the high school and college years when most people pick up the habit. He worked in marketing and spent one or two days a week in bars, handing out packs and samples of cigarettes for large tobacco companies.

"It was kind of ingrained in the lifestyle, and it was certainly part of the bar scene," he said.

But now, after paying almost \$12 a pack for his brand, he's decided to make it a New Year's resolution to stop smoking a pack every two days. A recent visit home to see his mother in Pittsburgh also factored in.

"My mother hugged me as I was leaving, and she said, 'Promise me you're going to quit smoking,'" he said. "I just know that it's right. It needs to end at some point. I'm not saying it's going to be easy."

Ferber said while money also is a factor in his decision, he still isn't a fan of the tax.

"I've always operated from the 'People should have choice to do what they want' [standpoint]," he said. "You see how there are health concerns. The sin tax is a crutch for the government. It seems like it's gotten out of hand."

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Brock Mitchell, 31, of Logan Square

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**IT COSTS
HOW MUCH!?**

Smokers in Chicago pay some of the highest prices per pack in the country. Come March 1, it's about to get even steeper. What's it like to be on a smoker's budget in Chicago? Here's a breakdown. **M.S.**



Take it outside

By Mick Swasko

REDEYE

Come rain, cold, sleet or snow, smokers will find a way.

With the five-year anniversary of Chicago's indoor smoking ban coming Jan. 1, bartenders say they've seen little change in smokers stepping outside.

"If people can afford the \$10, they are going to kick out the extra \$2," said bartender Giuseppe Cesolini, 30, of Hermosa. From his view behind the bar at Quenchers, he's seen little change in the amount of smokers. The same people still put the coaster on top of their beers and step into the bar's beer garden for a break.

There are ways around the high prices, and people are catching on, said Josh Patterson, 32, of Humboldt Park, and also a bartender at Quenchers.

"They will order them online from overseas, go to little shops that don't tax, get them from Indiana," he said, also adding that he's seen more people rolling their own cigarettes to save.

A smoker himself, he'd actually planned to quit Tuesday, but lapsed right back.

Two other bartenders successfully kicked the habit, and he said he would still like to as well, mostly for health reasons.

"[The tax hike] is fine with me. I'm trying to quit anyway, but it's a small motivation for me," he said.

» At around \$12 a pack after the tax hike, a pack-a-day smoker will spend about \$84 a week, \$360 per month and \$4,380 per year on the habit. That's a \$365 increase after the dollar tax hike for a full calendar year.

» A pack-a-day smoker in Chicago spends about 9.3 percent of his median household income on cigarettes, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. For those making less than \$46,877, the percentage is even higher.

» It costs more than the pack. In some cases, employers charge smokers more for health insurance than they do for non-smokers.

» It even costs to quit, unless it's cold turkey. Nicotine replacements such as patches and gum aren't cheap. A one-week supply of Nicoderm CQ runs about \$33 at Walgreens, for example, and 160 pieces of Nicorette Gum go for about \$66. While many insurance companies cover the cost of some prescription smoking cessation pills with a co-pay, without that coverage, it can cost more than \$100 depending on the prescription.

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So choice

M-Rahm sticks to his script when it comes to CTA rides vs. driving

Chicago Tribune

Mayor Emanuel on Wednesday refused to back away from his remarks that commuters can choose whether to drive or take the CTA when fares increase, instead saying his earlier comments were misinterpreted.

"What I said is, [it's] a choice. People have a choice between public transportation and private," the mayor said. "If you're coming from O'Hare, you pay \$50 for the cab downtown. You can rent a car, which is probably close to that. Or you can take the CTA. That's a choice which is much cheaper."

That's not much different from Emanuel's comments Monday, when he was asked about a proposed CTA budget that will raise prices on transit passes, including shorter passes of a few days often favored by tourists and business travelers and the 30-day pass many Chicagoans rely on to get to work.

"Public transportation is different from driving to work. You will make that choice," Emanuel said Monday when asked about the increase to the 30-day pass.

The mayor's insistence that the CTA hikes are not really fare increases, that public transit remains a bargain and that commuters can "make that choice" about whether to drive became conversation fodder and inspired a Twitter account, **@RahmSaysDrive**.

Emanuel also pointed out then that the standard CTA fare of \$2.25 will remain unchanged under the budget, unlike gasoline



Mayor Emanuel
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prices. "Now you, as a commuter, will pick. You can either drive to work or you can take public transportation, and the standard fare will stay the same," Emanuel said Monday.

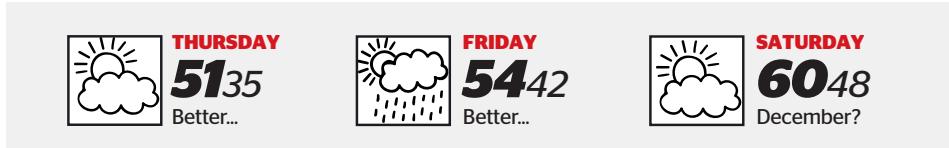
On Wednesday, the mayor noted that 45 percent of CTA riders pay the standard fare, and said his earlier comments were meant to illustrate that the cost of a bus or train ride would be set while prices of other consumer commodities such as gas and milk rise.

"I did not say or imply that you could just drive," Emanuel said at an unrelated news conference. "I said there's a choice. People choose public transportation because it's competitive against private transportation. That's a choice. And the service is getting better and improved. And that's my intention."

EXPRESS LINES

- » Three Chicago police officers were injured Wednesday morning when their car flipped over while swerving to avoid a stopped car on the South Side, officials said.
- » Illinois drivers would have to pay another \$2 for their license plate stickers beginning next year under legislation the Senate passed Wednesday to help the state take better care of its parks.
- » Police are warning businesses in River North after two dry cleaners and a drug store were broken into this month.

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A full-page photograph of a woman in a black, long-sleeved blouse with a large fur collar and shoulder studs. She is wearing dark, textured leggings and black ski boots. She is kneeling in a snowy landscape under a cloudy sky.

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chicago**Chicago's summer lineup****Chicago Tribune**

Chicago's festival season will begin in May, with the lineup of music and food soirees released by the city's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events on Wednesday. Following is the schedule, with dates subject to change:

Chicago Neighborhood Festivals: May through September.

Chicago Farmers Markets: May through October.

15th Annual Kids and Kites Festival: May 4.

Chicago Memorial Day Parade: May 25.

Millennium Park Music Series: Downtown Sounds runs May 27-July 29; Loops and Variations, June 13-July 18; Made in Chicago: World Class Jazz, July 25-Aug. 29.

30th Annual Chicago Blues Festival: June 6-9.

Chicago Bike Week: June 10-14.

Bike to Work Rally: June 14.

28th Chicago Gospel Music Festival: June 20-23.

17th Annual Chicago SummerDance: June 27-Sept. 15.

33rd Annual Taste of Chicago: July 10-14.

21st annual Race to Taste: July 13.

55th Annual Chicago Air and Water Show: Aug. 17-18.

35th Annual Chicago Jazz Festival: Aug. 29-Sept. 1.

15th Annual World Music Festival, Sept. 12-22.

In addition, events will continue to be presented year-round at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St.

Homicides from Nov. 14 to 4 p.m. Wednesday.

HOMICIDE TRACKER

By Tracy Swartz

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New City has recorded four homicides in the past 10 days, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

On Nov. 22, a 19-year-old man was shot to death in the 4900 block of South Seeley Avenue, police said. One day earlier, a 19-year-old man was fatally shot in the 4500 block of South Halsted Street, according to officials.

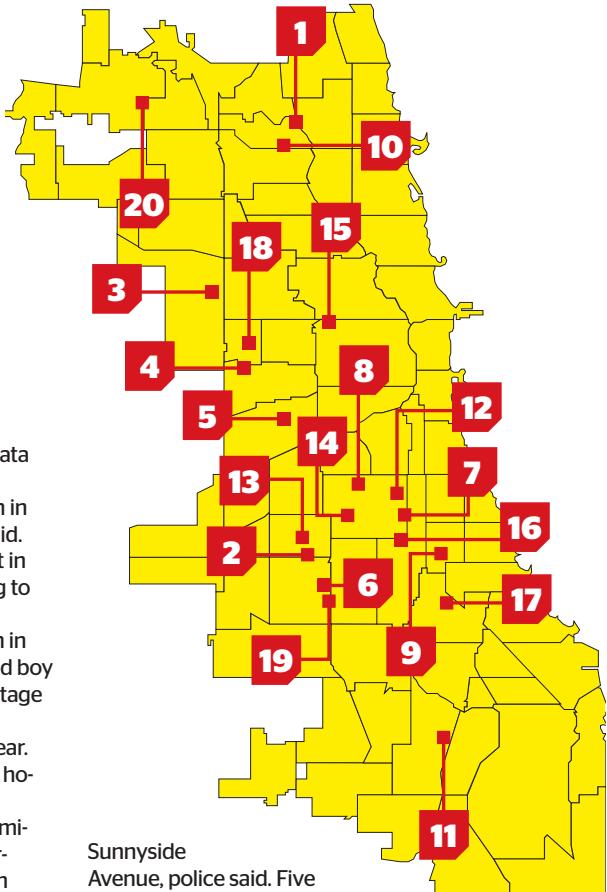
On Nov. 18, a 23-year-old man was shot to death in the 700 block of West 51st Street, and a 16-year-old boy was fatally shot in the 4300 block of South Hermitage Avenue, according to police.

New City has logged 26 homicides so far this year. The Southwest Side community area recorded 15 homicides last year, RedEye data shows.

Meanwhile, Chicago Lawn has logged three homicides in the past two weeks. On Monday, a 15-year-old girl was fatally shot in the 6900 block of South Campbell Avenue, police said. Nine days earlier, a 22-year-old man was shot to death in the 6600 block of South Bell Avenue, officials said.

On Nov. 15, a 15-year-old boy was fatally shot in the 5900 block of South Richmond Street, police data shows.

On the North Side, Albany Park has logged two homicides in the past two weeks. On Nov. 20, a 22-year-old man was fatally shot in the 3400 block of West



Sunnyside Avenue, police said. Five days earlier, a 24-year-old man was shot to death in the 4900 block of North Whipple Street, according to officials.

Citywide, gunshot homicides have been recorded in the past two weeks in Austin, Englewood, Gage Park, Greater Grand Crossing, the Near West Side, North Lawndale, South Lawndale, Washington Park and West Garfield Park, RedEye data shows.

1 4900 BLOCK OF N. WHIPPLE ST.

Date: Nov. 15 Cause: Gunshot

7 700 BLOCK OF W. 51ST ST.

Date: Nov. 18 Cause: Gunshot

14 4900 BLOCK OF S. SEELEY AVE.

Date: Nov. 22 Cause: Gunshot

2 5900 BLOCK OF S. RICHMOND ST.

Date: Nov. 15 Cause: Gunshot

8 4300 BLOCK OF S. HERMITAGE AVE.

Date: Nov. 18 Cause: Gunshot

15 2300 BLOCK OF W. LAKE ST.

Date: Nov. 25 Cause: Gunshot

3 5100 BLOCK OF W. THOMAS ST.

Date: Nov. 15 Cause: Gunshot

9 6000 BLOCK OF S. MICHIGAN AVE.

Date: Nov. 19 Cause: Gunshot

16 5500 BLOCK OF S. EMERALD AVE.

Date: Nov. 25 Cause: Gunshot

4 1200 BLOCK OF S. KOLIN AVE.

Date: Nov. 16 Cause: Gunshot

10 3400 BLOCK OF W. SUNNYSIDE AVE.

Date: Nov. 20 Cause: Gunshot

17 300 BLOCK OF E. 71ST ST.

Date: Nov. 26 Cause: Gunshot

5 2500 BLOCK OF S. TRUMBULL AVE.

Date: Nov. 17 Cause: Gunshot

11 10300 BLOCK OF S. FOREST AVE.

Date: Nov. 21 Cause: Stabbing

18 4300 BLOCK OF W. VAN BUREN ST.

Date: Nov. 26 Cause: Gunshot

6 6600 BLOCK OF S. BELL AVE.

Date: Nov. 17 Cause: Gunshot

12 4500 BLOCK OF S. HALSTED ST.

Date: Nov. 21 Cause: Gunshot

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Groupon CEO Andrew Mason and his wife, Jenny Gillespie, stand outside the Nasdaq Market in New York last year after the company's IPO. **REUTERS FILE PHOTO**

Groupon CEO says he'd quit if needed

Groupon Chief Executive Andrew Mason, under fire for a plunging company share price and tapering growth, declared Wednesday he would fire himself if he ever thought he was the wrong man for the job.

Mason, whose performance at the helm will come under scrutiny from his board of directors during a regular board meeting Thursday, said it would be "weird" if they did not. But he said he believed the board was comfortable with his strategy.

Shares in the company, once touted as innovating local business advertising through the marketing of Internet discounts on everything from spa treatments to dining, surged 8 percent to \$4.25 in the afternoon.

"It would be more noteworthy if the board wasn't discussing whether I'm the right guy for the job," Mason said in an interview from a Business Insider conference in New York. "If I ever thought I wasn't the right guy for the job, I'd be the first person to fire myself."

"As the founder and creator of Groupon, as a large shareholder ... I care far more about the success of the business than I do about my role as CEO."

Groupon has shed four-fifths of its value since its public trading debut as an investor favorite during last year's consumer dotcom IPO boom, and Mason himself has presided over a string of high-profile executive departures.

Protests rage over deadly factory fire

Three supervisors of a Bangladeshi garment factory were arrested Wednesday as protests over a suspected arson fire that killed more than 100 people raged into a third day, with textile workers and police clashing in the streets of a Dhaka suburb. The government has blamed last weekend's disaster on saboteurs.

Lunch date for Obama, Romney

President Obama will host Mitt Romney for a private lunch at the White House on Thursday, their first meeting since the Democratic incumbent defeated his Republican challenger in a bitterly fought election. The encounter follows Obama's post-election promise to engage with the former Massachusetts governor and consider his ideas.

Egyptian police fight protesters

Fresh clashes broke out in Cairo near Tahrir Square on Wednesday as riot police fired tear gas and charged at Egyptian protesters angry about a move by President Mohammed Morsi to extend his powers. Demonstrators called on their first freely elected leader to roll back last week's decree giving himself expanded presidential powers—or resign.

BP banned from federal contracts

The U.S. government banned BP from new federal contracts Wednesday over its "lack of business integrity" in the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, a move that could imperil the British energy giant's U.S. footing. The suspension comes on the heels of BP's Nov. 15 agreement with the U.S. government to plead guilty to criminal misconduct.



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These 3 would be locks for the Hall—if it weren't for that nagging drug issue

For me, performance-enhancing drugs amount to anything that helps me get a good night's sleep. That's why I love it when my RedEye owners have turkey dinners. In baseball, it's obviously more complicated, since drugs affect who might get into the Hall of Fame.

Sammy Sosa, Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens all are on the ballot this year. And considering voters rejected Mark McGwire and Rafael Palmeiro last year, their odds are about as good as me catching the neighbor's cat.

Even so, I'm glad RedEye asked me to break down their respective cases and place odds on their election to the Hall. Enjoy.

On the up and up?

There's really no telling what athletes will ingest to potentially enhance their performance. Steroids. Human growth hormone. Caffeine. Viagra. Wait, what?

"I'm fortunate enough to be blessed with some size and some smarts to give me my edge, but some guys, they'll do whatever they can to get an edge," Bears receiver Brandon Marshall told reporters Wednesday. "I heard crazy stories ... guys using, like, Viagra. Seriously, because the blood ... I don't know, some crazy stuff."

Marshall was responding to questions about Seattle cornerbacks Richard Sherman and Brandon Browner, who are appealing NFL suspensions after testing positive for a banned substance, in this case Adderall.

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This is a critical week to make changes to your fantasy football team. In all my years playing fantasy, I don't think there have ever been so many quality running backs who can help you this late in the year. Here are five who can help you make the playoffs and win your league.

Michael Bush, Bears

As Matt Forte continues to hobble on a weak ankle, Bush is an amazing option. Bush, a great red-zone threat, also seems to get stronger the more he carries the rock. Last week he had 20 carries and two touchdowns in helping the Bears to a win. I love Bush this week, even against a strong Seattle defense.

Bryce Brown, Philadelphia

Brown is the latest unsung hero to shine on "Monday Night Football." The rookie scored twice and rushed for 178 yards against Carolina. Even if LeSean McCoy can play, Eagles coach Andy Reid cannot deny Brown significant playing time.

Beanie Wells, Arizona

Wells has been battling injuries but now is healthy. He was fantastic in 2011 and looked great last week, scoring twice on 17 carries. Wells again is the feature back in Arizona, so if you need him, get him now.

Knowshon Moreno, Denver

This former first-round pick has not lived up to the hype. However, with Willis McGahee injured, the Broncos are giving Moreno the chance to be the No. 1 back. Last week he did not disappoint, with a respectable 26 carries for 85 yards. Moreno looks to be a solid option the rest of the way.

David Wilson, N.Y. Giants

Wilson, a 2011 first-round pick, is a wild card: lots of risk, potential great rewards. He will now get his chance to be the team's primary backup with the injury to Andre Brown. However, with starter Ahmad Bradshaw's health being shaky, this could be Wilson's time. He does cough up the ball more than coach Tom Coughlin would like, but he has tremendous potential if he can control the ball.

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Sammy Sosa

Case for: Ranks eighth all-time in home runs (609) and 27th in RBIs (1,667). Won one MVP award.

Last seen: Gossip websites supposedly spotted him at Marc Anthony's birthday party last year and at various spots in Florida.

Quotable: "I have never taken illegal performance-enhancing drugs ... I have not broken the laws of the United States or the laws of the Dominican Republic." —at a congressional hearing in 2005

Whizzer's odds: 100-1. He's got to apologize first. Spanish, English, pig Latin, doesn't matter.

Just stop acting like you don't know what we're talking about.



Sammy Sosa, Roger Clemens and Barry Bonds
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Roger Clemens

Case for: Ranks third all-time in strikeouts (4,672) and ninth in wins (354). Won seven Cy Young Awards and an MVP honor.

Last seen: In June, he was acquitted on all six charges that he obstructed and lied to Congress.

Quotable: "I have never used steroids, human growth hormone or any other type of illegal performance-enhancing drugs." —at a congressional hearing in 2008

Whizzer's odds: 20-1. That acquittal could carry quite a bit of weight. The court of public opinion's leaning the other way, though.

Barry Bonds

Case for: Ranks first all-time in home runs (762) and third in RBIs (1,996). Won seven MVP awards.

Last seen: In December, he was sentenced to two years' probation and 250 hours of community service for lying to a federal grand jury.

Quotable: "I may say I don't care [about making the Hall], but I do really care ...

Making the Hall of Fame, would it be something that's gratifying because of what I've sacrificed? Sure." —to mlb.com on Wednesday

Whizzer's odds: 8-1. This guy's a bigger jerk than the guy who laughs when my shock collar goes off. Still, his numbers might be too ridiculous not to include in the Hall.

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CUB-BOOM

Apparently when the end of the world arrives, the Cubs will be in good shape! That's good news, we suppose.



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- 1** Which Chicago athlete is best equipped to handle the apocalypse?

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Any Cub. They all have experience with an eternal stretch of hopeless desolation.

The entire Cubs team. They have a lot of experience in preparing for the worst.

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- 2** Welcome offensive lineman Andre Gurode to the Bears.

"Hi Andre. Our O-line stinks. Make it better. Thanks."

I'll take him shopping for shoes if Jay Cutler agrees to tie his shoelaces.

"Hey, here's the bar you have to live up to. Just step over it."

"Here's your iPad playbook—I know last time you played guard, these were stone tablets."

"Welcome to Chicago. Any future losses will be considered YOUR fault."

- 3** Why are the White Sox using two hitting coaches?

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- 4** If President Obama removes Jerry Jones from the Cowboys...

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... then we no longer have to begin clichés with "if we could put a man on the moon..."

... install him as secretary of ego.

... he should listen to the rest of Texas and let the entire state secede already.

... then he'd better not mess with the cheerleaders.

- 5** After Derrick Rose, which Chicago Bull should get a Web documentary series?

Whichever player hangs out with Derrick Rose the most. That's who people want to see.

Joakim Noah. Oh wait, they already did this. It was called "Dazed and Confused."

Krypto-Nate. And have the whole show be him jumping over unsuspecting pedestrians.

Kirk Hinrich. Isn't he always the next best thing?

Benny. That crazy dude would make "Behind the Music" look like a Disney special.

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THE DIGIT

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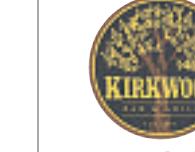
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Batter up

Bel 50 is shaking up the sandwich scene with waffles

By Lisa Arnett

REDEYE

Timothy Jandovitz was having lunch in France two years ago when the idea hit him.

"I just kind of had this 'Aha' moment where I was like, 'Waffle. Sandwich. Waffle sandwich,'" he says.

It was as if all of his experiences with waffles—from bingeing on sugary Liege-style waffles in Belgium to spotting a waffle shack on a Vermont ski slope—spontaneously baked together into one great idea. He was going to open a restaurant selling waffle sandwiches.

After nearly two years of research and experimentation, Bel 50 opened last week in River North. The promise of more than a dozen waffle sandwiches both sweet and savory was all the incentive I needed to clear my schedule and eat there for lunch, dinner and dessert.

BEL 50

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This is kind of like eating a really big taco

That was my first thought as I bit into a sandwich. The waffle bread itself is thinner than a traditional breakfast waffle and, to my surprise, not at all sweet. Crispy, almost flaky around the edges and soft in the middle, it proved a great base for the smoked salmon sandwich (\$8.95), which channeled all the flavors of my favorite bagel with chive creme fraiche and wispy slices of cucumber and red onion. The amount of filling was thinner than I expected, but the waffle bread didn't overwhelm the fillings and vice versa.

The buttermilk-fried chicken waffle sandwich (\$7.95) already is proving to be one of the most popular, said Jandovitz. In my mind,

I was hoping it would be the sandwich version of Art Smith's heavenly Southern-style fried chicken and waffles at Table Fifty-Two. Honey mustard and slaw add some zing and crunch, but because the bread isn't sweet, it doesn't have the same salty-sweet flavor combination that makes chicken and waffles so satisfying.

With both sandwiches, the side that faced down against the wax paper-lined basket lost a little crunch due to trapped steam, but I was amazed that the waffle held together through the last bite.



Truffle tater tots (\$3.95) and sweet potato fries (\$2.95) do the job, but carrying the theme one step further and adding waffle fries as a side dish choice wouldn't be overkill in my book.

Help a girl out with some waffle fries

Considering my breakfast most mornings consists of an Eggo slathered with peanut butter or Nutella eaten while running out the door, I'll probably steer clear of sandwiches that feature either of the spreads plus bananas (\$4.95-\$5.95). But I'd totally stop by for the bacon-cheddar-egg (\$6.95) or maple butter (\$4.95) versions and an Intelligentsia coffee.

Don't skip the sweet stuff

Bel 50 serves its dessert waffles split into two pieces, which is pretty awesome for two reasons. One, the soft, creamy fillings—creme brulee custard, lemon curd, cheesecake mousse—don't squish out everywhere when you try to eat them, which is a pretty amazing feat of waffle engineering. Two, you easily can split one with a friend, which is a good strategy when you've already stuffed your face with a full savory sandwich. The tiramisu waffle sandwich (\$7.95) filled with light-as-air mascarpone cheese, chocolate mousse and a hint of espresso, was a fun twist on the traditional Italian dessert.

I'll be back for breakfast

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Though breakfast sandwiches are served all day, it's too bad that the shop is only open in the morning on weekends.

Bottom line

Bel 50 definitely has the cure for the common sandwich. Ingredients are high-quality for a price point that's similar to Corner Bakery or Panera, and considering the time Jandovitz spent studying fast-casual successes such as Chipotle and Potbelly before opening Bel 50, I wouldn't be surprised if it blows up big time. If and when it does, Chicagoans will be able to say that they tried it first.

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Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-midnight Friday; 8 a.m.-midnight Saturday; 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday
Good to know: Gluten-free waffles are available, as are three salads for the completely carb-averse
Look for: Daily specials on a small sign at the counter
To drink: There's a nice lineup of natural sodas—such as Oogave's watermelon-cream—as well as beer and wine
Wait time: During two visits, my order never took longer than 5 minutes. A decent number of diners swept through for lunch, but the place was nearly empty during dinner.
Where to sit: In the front, communal tables lined with orange cubes for seating work for lunch with a group. Grab one of the tables with silver chairs to linger with a glass of wine or beer.

Read more of Jandovitz's comments about the creation of Bel 50 in RedEye's iPad edition, available through the iTunes store.

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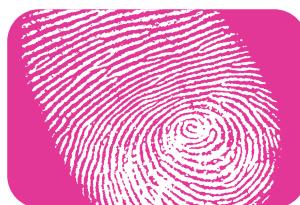
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On a recent Saturday night, we dropped in on John Barleycorn's massive new location in River North to talk everything from sports to fashion with bar-goers. CRAIG SEYMOUR FOR REDEYE

Michelle Mkrdichian

22, teacher

What brings you out tonight?

I just wanted to come and check out the bar in this location. I heard a lot of good things about it. And I just love the way it's decorated.

How did you put together your outfit?

Well, I wanted to be warm, but at the same time, I wanted to look cute. So I figured a pair of knee-high boots—which are a must for the winter—with tights and a cute mini. And there you go, perfect outfit.



Mycale Smith

24, engineer

What are you drinking and why?

Bud Light, because it's cheap.

If you could play any sport professionally, what would it be?

Water polo. I like swimming.

You're from Australia. Which city parties harder: Sydney or Chicago?

Sydney. It's looser.



Ashley Siech

22, student
What are you drinking and why?
I'm drinking a beer right now. But I was drinking Red Bull-vodka.

What's your favorite drink?

Long Islands. I love Long Islands. They taste amazing.

How did you put together your outfit?

I really love black. I have lots of black and white. I like mixing textures and patterns. I love heels.

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For Chad, winning is a drag ... race

By Georgia Garvey | REDEYE

Chad Michaels was the ultimate perfectionist on "RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars." Never a hair or scrap of costume out of place, makeup flawless and demeanor regal, the Cher impersonator and long-time drag star came in second during his season but took home the crown during Monday's "All Stars" finale on Logo. RedEye spoke with Chad on Tuesday, the morning after the big win.

How are you today? Exhausted?

I am. I'm really tired. It was a late night last night. We were performing at Micky's in West Hollywood and had a wrap party there and had a long drive home, so I'm kind of tired. But I'm just running on the glory, baby. It was quite an amazing evening.

What was it like seeing the big moment? I mean, you lived it, but watching it on screen?

It's always surreal. It took me a while to get used to watching myself on TV. It's just strange. ... But it was pretty awesome to see it on TV. I don't know, it's hard to put it into words. It's just the climax to a really fantastic year and a lot of hard work. It just

feels good to be recognized, especially by RuPaul.

Was the recognition the most important part of the win to you?

Yeah, I think it is important. When you put yourself on the line like that in a competition, you just go balls to the wall and let it all hang out. You certainly do hope to win and to be recognized for what you achieved.

What have you enjoyed the most about competing in "Drag Race"?

I love ... meeting all the fans that have truly supported and stood behind you through thick and thin, mouthy or not mouthy on the show. It's great to be there and they're so enthusiastic. We're lucky as Drag Racers to have an opportunity to touch people's lives and, in a lot of cases, change people's lives.

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Have Faith

Could Paloma Faith be the next British pop singer to go global?

By Matt Pais | REDEYE SOUND BOARD

In her native Britain, Paloma Faith performs to an average of 5,000 fans per concert. The remarkable 27-year-old singer, who recently passed 300,000 Twitter followers, says that during her first U.S. tour she's been playing to about 200 people per night.

"Which is kind of strange but also exciting," says Faith, whose latest album, "Fall to Grace," drops Tuesday in the U.S. after debuting at No. 2 in Britain. "I kind of get [why] somebody like Prince does his big arena [show] and then does his after-show, which is more intimate because there's something so beautiful about playing in that capacity."

Prince has shown his support for Faith, and it's easy to see why her old-fashioned pop songs—which she says aim to inject hope into tragic situations—would catch on in the States, especially when Americans hear her Adele-size voice. Before her September show at Martyrs', Faith talked about fearing no Americans would come to her shows, her friendship with Adele and running with the Olympic torch in stilettos.

How do you feel your shows in the States are going?

Amazing! I'm really astonished because when I was on my way to the States I was really worried that nobody was going to come and see me play. Because I'm British; we usually err on the side of self-deprecation. [Laughs.] I just spent nights going, "Oh God, they don't even know I exist. This is too early for a tour!" But actually there [are] a lot of people who have come to the shows who also have my debut album and [are] genuine American fans and I feel so happy about it.

And your new one is on Spotify, so people can hear it before it's out.

Yeah, that's exciting for me. And also I just really enjoy the American audiences I've met so far because they give you instant feedback. Whereas in Britain you have to go online to figure out what people thought because they're a very reserved culture.

What feedback have you gotten?

It's like whooping and cheering. People in the middle of the song going, "Yeah! Sing it!" And all that. And I love that.

People in the U.K. don't whoop?

No, everyone's just like [claps politely].

Is it a weird transition to go from playing for 5,000 people to 200?

No, I'm not somebody who ever gets used to a particular position. Every time somebody says, "We'd like to take you for dinner," I get excited for a free meal, no matter how many times it happens. I come from a background of always working. I started my first job when I was 14; if I had to go back to working in the lingerie shop that I worked at for three years selling pants and bras to people, then I would. So I don't feel remotely it's a step back. I feel it's a luxury because I'm enjoying the intimacy and the connection with the people.

In England, is that something people talk about in the music community, breaking out in the U.S.? I'm a big Arctic Monkeys fan and have always wanted them to catch on here in the same way.

I think it's because they use a lot of local language and stuff and their accents are really strong. So I think maybe people don't relate to that so much. There is talk about it, but it is kind of one of those things that's a rarity. It's very rare for a British act to break America. Many have tried, me included.

Well, this is my first [attempt]. But the general consensus is that Amy [Winehouse] and Adele were anomalies, and I don't necessarily think that's true. I just think that they're exceptionally talented and exceptionally brilliant and I think that America is very good at recognizing real talent. Whereas in the U.K. audiences might find someone more appealing because they said something funny on television.

Speaking of Amy, I read you were offered a spot in her band at one point?

Not really. I think sometimes in the media you say something flippantly and it follows you around for years. Basically I was at a party when her first record was out which was called "Frank" and I met her, and I was a big fan straightaway. She liked the way I dressed and she came up to me and she was like, "Do you play anything? I'm trying to put a band together, and you look really cool." And I was like, "No." Yeah, that's it.

In the past you both promoted and headlined shows at a club where Adele performed as well. What, if anything, did you learn from her during that period?

Well, I was promoting a night where I was trying to showcase artists I admired and respected and also played myself. I just wanted to create a club night that was different and

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appreciative of real, homegrown music ... She just obviously has always been an undeniably talented vocalist. I talk about her, I get goosebumps ... When I first heard her sing, I think she was about 17, and it was like she carried all the world's joy and pain and everything inside her but she was like a kid. So it was strange, but I'm really happy for her. I think she's amazing.

What reaction did she have to your work? Do you think she picked up any tips from you?

No, we didn't really have that conversation. We're just both really supportive of each other. There have been times where we've both been at awards ceremonies and she's gone, "Oh, my friend Paloma's there. Listen out for her." We don't sit there going, "I learned this from you." It's like, "Let's have a drink and talk about what was on TV last night." [Laughs.]

Why don't more people wear stilettos while running with the Olympic torch?

[Laughs.] I don't know. I just do everything my own way, so when they said to me, "There's a regulation track suit," something inside of me died. [Laughs.] So I thought I had to do this my own [way]. And I asked them if I could customize it and they said no, but I did it anyway.

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Ke\$ha says 'Warrior' is 'less vocal trickery'

Reuters

Ke\$ha made a name for herself with infectious dance-pop hits, but the singer-songwriter is stepping out of her Auto-Tune comfort zone on "Warrior," out this week. The 25-year-old pop star talked about the pressures of following up the success of her first album, "Animal," and responded to her critics.

Did you feel additional pressure while working on this album after the success of your debut?

I think a lot of other people maybe are feeling pressure about this record, but I just want to make a good record. If I sat around trying to make a No. 1 record, I'd just be too consumed with that. I just want to make an awesome, kick-ass record that I love and that my fans love.

Was there anything that you weren't happy with on the first album and that you wanted to change for the second?

I just wanted to make sure my entire personal-

ity was presented more accurately. I feel like people really got to know the super-wild side of me. But then sometimes a more vulnerable side, I didn't really feel comfortable expressing it. So this time I kind of forced myself to express a little bit more vulnerability, less Auto-Tune, less vocal trickery. It's a little more raw.

You received a lot of criticism for your use of Auto-Tune, masking your true singing voice. Was that a valid criticism?

I made a conscious decision to use Auto-Tune for effect, as ear candy, and vocoders and chop up my words. This time around, I have heard so many different people say I can't sing, it's quite frankly irritating, so I ... made a five-song acoustic EP ("Deconstructed," out on Dec. 4) that's kind of like my middle finger to all those people that said I couldn't sing, and there's more of my voice on this record. You know, haters are going to hate. You just have to do what you want to do.



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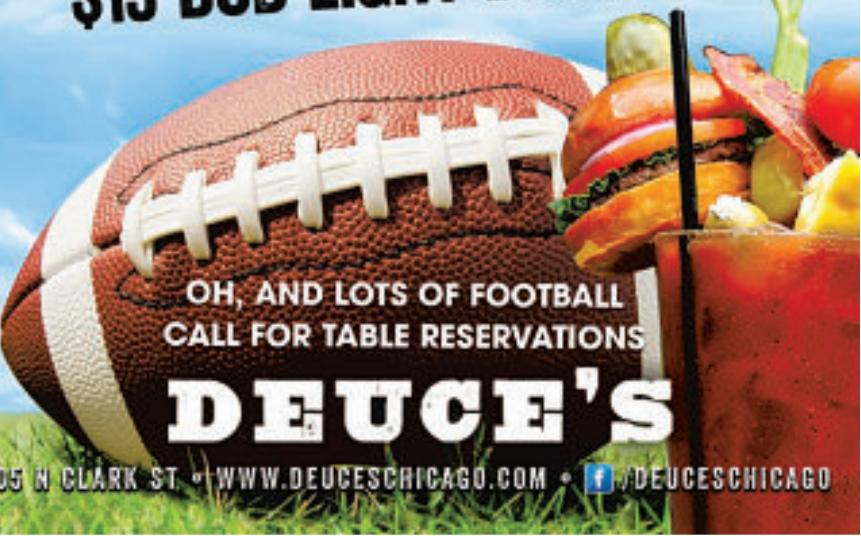
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Los Angeles Times

You'd be hard pressed to find a photo of Miranda Kerr looking anything less than absolutely fabulous. She's married to Orlando Bloom, is a top Victoria's Secret model and seems to look perfect in everything she puts on.

Whether she's walking down the runway or caught running errands in New York, Kerr is a true fashion chameleon who is always put together and camera-ready. At the recent "Nomad Two Worlds" book launch in New York City, Kerr showed just how to wear the current sheer trend. She paired a sheer-paneled black blouse with a Proenza Schouler fall 2012 silk brocade miniskirt, Christian Louboutin "Big Dorset" heels and a Jimmy Choo "Calista" studded clutch. Her top was sheer but tasteful, thanks to strategically placed fabric panels. The skirt was fun and just the right length. You can create a similar look.

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BY RYAN SMITH FOR REDEYE



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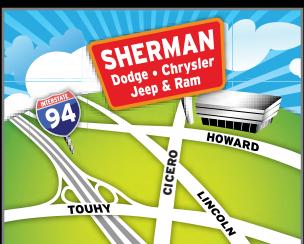
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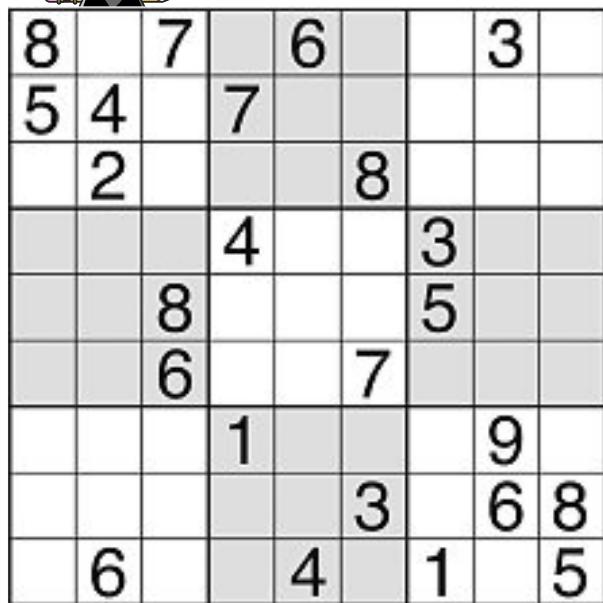
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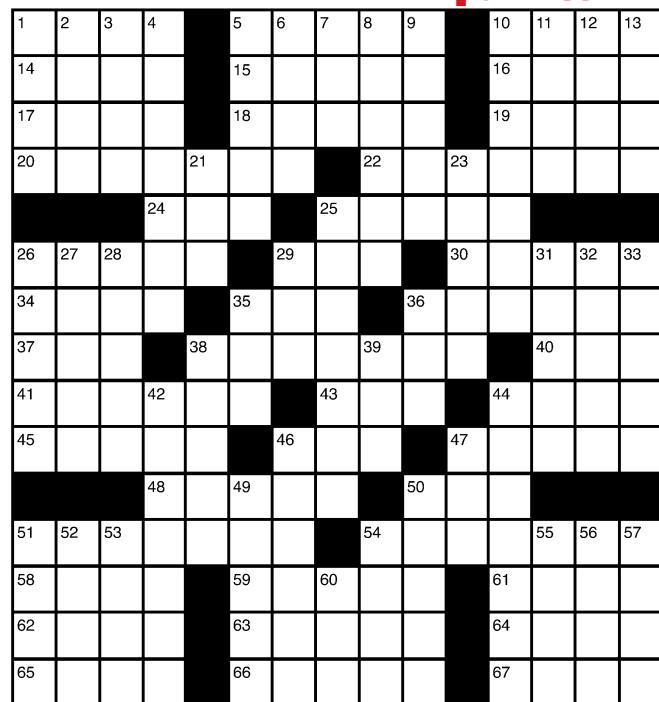
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- ACROSS**
- Attila's people
 - Concrete strips
 - Be lazy
 - Shortly
 - Bandleader Xavier _
 - Meanie
 - Dig for ore
 - Dwelling
 - Soprano Gluck
 - Church spire
 - Kaffeeklatsch
 - Stewart or Serling
 - Tea variety
 - Hard to climb
 - So _ till now
 - B-plus, for one
 - Bosc or Bartlett
 - Bunk or berth
 - Largest nation
 - Likely
 - Rain's small pools
 - for the course; normal
 - Appeared
 - Boy
 - _ up; confined
 - Badge; scout's award
 - Shortest month: abbr.
 - Late _ Shore
 - Dinner course
 - That girl
 - Homesteader
 - Trump & others
 - Region
 - ...for _ waves of grain..."
 - Shipshape
 - Skater's oval
 - Barking marine mammals
 - Despise
 - Prefix for room or chamber
 - Pyle or Kovacs
 - Eve's husband

- DOWN**
- Show-offs
 - College credit
 - Zero
 - One with a derisive smile
 - Burn with liquid



- Oil and _ maintenance
- Long _ in the far past
- Pester
- Porterhouse or N.Y.
- Comfy shoes
- Make eyes at
- Upper limbs
- Notable achievement
- Burst
- Phony
- Propelled a canoe
- Muscle cramp
- Cone-shaped dwelling
- Diner
- Nourished
- Colorado resort
- Prince William's mum
- Our planet
- Abbott and Lou Costello
- as a beet
- Part of a flower
- Hunting dog, for short
- Boo-boo
- Dangerous fish
- "The _ in the Dell"
- TV room, often
- Rent long-term
- Mare or stallion
- Poet Teasdale
- Actress Moran
- Camp shelter
- Sandwich shop
- Pencil's center
- Facts & figures
- Flower stalk
- Prohibit

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By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Us Weekly says so. E! News says so. But there hasn't been a peep from Jessica Simpson herself about whether she's pregnant with baby No. 2. Her little girl, Maxwell, was born in May, and Us Weekly says the second bun in the oven definitely wasn't planned. But we've found a way to entertain ourselves while we wait to see how pissed Weight Watchers will be at their latest spokeswoman. See if you can pick Simpson's real quotes about her first pregnancy from these wacky quips below.

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1. "Kraft mac and cheese with Lawry's seasoning salt is the breakfast for pregnant champions!"

2. "Oh I smell things differently! My nose is like, 'doot, doot, doot!' I smell everything! It enhances it."

3. "Oh my God, y'all. I just had a daydream that my vagina ate a bag of Skittles!"

4. "I feel like I have a bowling ball sitting on my hookah. Apparently I have a lot of amniotic fluid, so whenever my water breaks, it will be like a fire hydrant!"

IS JESSICA PREGNANT AGAIN? DID SHE REALLY SAY THESE THINGS?

bumpin'?

Jessica Simpson
GETTY IMAGES

5. "I had a buttered Pop Tart this morning. I'm eating a lot of stuff that I ate in my childhood. Kraft Mac n' Cheese, Pop Tarts, Cap'n Crunch. Everything's filled with sugar."

6. "There were so many rumors about me being pregnant every three months for the past couple of years—I thought the best way and classiest way was to just show it."

7. "I'm lucky. Sometimes I even forget I'm pregnant. And then, boom! I get a kick in the stomach!"

8. "I'm nervous about changing diapers. I'm not someone who likes to be nervous. I'm someone who is always in control."

9. "I am definitely 'feeling intimate.' I'm kind of unstoppable right now. The Big O is, like, the biggest O ever!"

10. "Oh my God, I'm crying at everything lately. I'm watching 'Extreme Makeover: Home Edition,' and I was crying so hard."

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red hot He's sorry



About that video rant . . . "Two and a Half Men" star **Angus T. Jones** issued a statement Tuesday apologizing to CBS and Warner Bros. for comments (prompted by his Christian beliefs) that included calling the TV comedy "filth" and appealing to viewers to stop watching.

So . . . cue **Charlie Sheen**, who's had his own well-documented issues with his former show. "With Angus' Hale-Bopp-like meltdown, it is radically clear to me that the show is cursed," Sheen told TMZ. He then pointed blame at "Men" co-creator Chuck Lorre: "I dare anyone to spend 10 years in the laugh track that is Chuck Lorre's hive of oppression and not suffer some form of an emotional tsunami."



Angus T. Jones (right) in "Two and a Half Men"
CBS PHOTO



Who's laughing now?

This isn't any ol' prank show. D.L. Hughley, **Bam Margera**, Bill Bellamy, Andy Dick, Tom Green, Chris Kattan, Charlie Murphy, Cheri Oteri and Alan Thicke are among the celebs who will participate in "Who Gets the Last Laugh?" The TBS show, which will premiere in the spring, pits comedians against each other in prank challenges, **deadline.com** reports. And perhaps the best part: It will be hosted by Donald Faison.



BIG BEN

How do you like these apples? Entertainment Weekly has announced its entertainers of the year, and **Ben Affleck** tops the list. The "Argo" star and director also got A-list approval from the film's producer, George Clooney. "Hollywood loves a comeback, and he's an unbelievable comeback kid," Clooney told EW.

SHE'S NO. 1

No apology necessary here. **Rihanna** scored her first No. 1 album with "Unapologetic," selling 238,000 copies, **billboard.com** reports. She held off new entries including "American Idol" winner Phillip Phillips, who landed at No. 4 with his debut album, "The World From the Side of the Moon." **GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS**

THE DIGIT

1.5 MILLION

That's the total number of viewers for IFC's Nov. 23 airing of R. Kelly's "Trapped in the Closet" saga. The new 11 chapters debuted at 8 p.m. and attracted 780,000 total viewers.

HOT DATES

Feb. 15-17

"Mike Tyson: Undisputed Truth," to the Cadillac Palace Theatre. Tickets go on sale Dec. 7.

That's when Mike Tyson, the ludicrous former world heavyweight champion, will bring his Broadway solo show,

